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FOLLOWING REPEAT COLOMBO 2100 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN NEW YORK
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QUOTE: S E C R E T COLOMBO 2100

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HAMEED ON NAM AFFIARS

REF: (A) STATE 097545, (B) STATE 110723, (C) STATE 107355(NOTAL)

1. IN A RELAXED CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
HAMEED MAY 4, I REPORTED ON MY PLANNED CONSULTATION
IN THE STATES BEGINNING MAY 20, EXPRESSED OUR
APPRECIATION FOR HIS SIGNING THE HIJACKING CONVENTIONS
(WHICH DO NOT NEED TO BE RATIFIED BY THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY TO BE OPERATIVE) AND DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF
POINTS IN REFTELS.

2. ON THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU, HE
INDICATED THEY WERE STILL UNCLEAR ON THE VENUE OF THE
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CONFERENCE, LIBYA URGING ITSELF AS HOST-"AN
IMPOSSIBLE SUGGESTION AT THIS LATE DATE." HE
PREFERS NEW YORK, THOUGH THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATE
POSES A COMPLICATION.

3. ON THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY, HE SAID THAT
SADAT'S UNILATERAL INITIATIVE HAD GREATLY SHARPENED

DIFFERENCES AMONG THE ARABS AND THE REJECTIONISTS WERE AS ADAMANT IN THEIR VIEW AS SADAT HAD TO BE IN HIS. THE MOST HAMEED EXPECTS WILL BE A RESOLUTION CLOSELY SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S; THE DIVISIONS ARE TOO GREAT FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

4. ON THE SSOD, I NOTED THAT WHILE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE ONE CURCIAL DIMENSION OF ANY APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT, THE ENORMOUS ACCUMULATION OF CONVENTIONAL SOVIET WEAPONS IN EASTERN EUROPE ALSO HAD TO BE SEEN AS A CENTRAL ISSUE. IT WAS THESE THAT HAD LED US TO DEVELOP THE NEUTRON BOMB AS A QUITE SPECIFIC DEFENSIVE RIPOSTE. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SHOWN SUBSTANTIAL MORAL AND POLITICAL COURAGE IN POSTPONING THE NEUTRON BOMB, AGAINST POLITICAL AND MILITARY OPPOSITION IN BOTH THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE. I HOPED THAT SUCH MORAL COURAGE WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE NAM AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE SOVIET EFFORTS TO CONCENTRATE ONLY ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. I AM NOT SURE HE GRASPED THE POINTS MADE, BUT LEFT A PAPER WHICH SPELLED OUT OUR ARGUMENT (REF B).

5. HE SAID HE TOLD AMBASSADOR KIRNOSSOVSKI, WHO HAD RECENTLY VISITED, TO EXPLAIN THE SOVIET POSITION
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THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE HELPLESS, LIKE A SNAKE WITHOUT TEETH. IT WAS REALLY A QUESTION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR. I PROTESTED THAT THE IMAGE WAS INACCURATE, SINCE THE NAM OPINIONS DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO US, THEY DID COUNT. AND IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THEY TOOK THEIR ARGUMENTATION SERIOUSLY AND ID NOT ALLOW THE MOST ARTICULATE AND MOST ARGUMENTATIVE TO WIN THE DAY AS OFTEN SEEMED TO HAPPEN ON CONSENSUS DISCUSSIONS.

6. ON CUBA'S ROLE, I NOTED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD TAKEN THE NAM MUCH MORE SERIOUSLY THAN ITS PREDECESSOR ADMINISTRATION, BUT QUITE FRANKLY IF NONE OF THE SO-CALLED "NON ALIGNED" ARGUED THE ANOMALY OF CUBA'S STATUS AS AN ALLY OF THE SOVIET UNION ENGAGED IN MILITARY ACTIONS IN AFRICA WHILE CLAIMING TO SPEAK FOR THE NON ALIGNED, THE CREDIBILITY OF THE WHOLE NAM MOVEMENT WITHIN THE U.S. CONGRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION WOULD BE IN DOUBT. HAMEED REPLIED THAT WE (IMPLIEDLY WE THE MODERATES) WILL SEE TO IT THAT CUBA IS RESTRAINED AND WILL TELL IT OFF WHENEVER NECESSARY. MANY TIMES ALREADY WE HAVE

PERSUADED THEM TO TONE DOWN THEIR DEMANDS, AND WE HAVE
HAD SOME SUCCESS. I SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MAKE
CLEAR THE BONA FIDES OF THE NAM IF THERE WAS A
GENUINE DISCUSSION OF THE DOUBLE ROLE OF CUBA. I
DOUBT THIS WILL HAPPEN,BUT IT WAS WORTH A TRY*

7. HE HOPED HE WOULD FIND A TIME FOR LUNCH OR DINNER
HERE BEFORE HE LEAVES AROUND THE 13TH, OR IN NEW YORK.
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